

The question is on agreeing to the amendment of the Senator from West Virginia.

The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Have the yeas and nays been ordered?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. They have not.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 28, nays 70, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 222 Leg.]

#### YEAS—28

Biden	Graham	Nelson (FL)
Boxer	Harkin	Reed
Byrd	Hollings	Reid
Cantwell	Jeffords	Sarbanes
Clinton	Johnson	Schumer
Conrad	Kennedy	Stabenow
Dayton	Kohl	Wellstone
Dorgan	Leahy	Wyden
Feingold	Mikulski	
Feinstein	Murray	

#### NAYS—70

Akaka	Domenici	McCain
Allard	Durbin	McConnell
Allen	Edwards	Miller
Bayh	Ensign	Murkowski
Bennett	Enzi	Nelson (NE)
Bingaman	Fitzgerald	Nickles
Bond	Frist	Roberts
Breaux	Gramm	Rockefeller
Brownback	Grassley	Santorum
Bunning	Gregg	Sessions
Burns	Hagel	Shelby
Campbell	Hatch	Smith (NH)
Carnahan	Helms	Smith (OR)
Carper	Hutchinson	Snowe
Chafee	Hutchison	Specter
Cleland	Inhofe	Stevens
Cochran	Kerry	Thomas
Collins	Kyl	Thompson
Corzine	Landrieu	Thurmond
Craig	Levin	Torricelli
Crapo	Lieberman	Voinovich
Daschle	Lincoln	Lott
DeWine	Lott	Warner
Dodd	Lugar	

#### NOT VOTING—2

Baucus Inouye

The amendment (No. 4644) was rejected.

Mr. REID. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BURNS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CARNAHAN). The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Madam President, it is my understanding we are now going to proceed to a period of time to offer tributes to our friend, the distinguished Senator from South Carolina; is that true?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is open for morning business for that purpose.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the first speaker be the majority leader, the second speaker be the Republican leader, followed by Senators HOLLINGS, STEVENS, BYRD, and a Republican, to be named at a later time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, for not to extend beyond the hour of 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The majority leader.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR STROM THURMOND

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I join my colleagues today in this special presentation to acknowledge the distinguished Senator from South Carolina for his decades of service in this Senate.

America has changed in many ways in the 48 years since JAMES STROM THURMOND was first elected to the Senate. But some things have not changed. Among them are Senator THURMOND's fierce determination to do what he regards as the right thing for the people of his beloved South Carolina.

While Senator THURMOND and I often reach different conclusions and cast different votes, I admire his devotion to his State, to our Nation, and to this Senate. In recent years, fulfilling that obligation has seemed at times to require an extraordinary exercise of will or love or both.

Someday another Senator will sit in Senator THURMOND's seat, but it is hard to imagine anyone ever filling his shoes. He is, as I have said before, an institution within an institution.

He has been alive for almost half the history of the United States. Theodore Roosevelt was President when he was born. He was 17 years old when American women secured the right to vote. He is one of only a few Americans alive who received votes from Civil War veterans. He has lived through the term of 18 of America's 43 Presidents and served as a Senator under 10 of them.

His long and distinguished career is remarkable for its many successes, both in and out of the Senate.

In 1996, Senator THURMOND became the oldest person ever to serve in the Senate.

In 1997, he became the longest serving Senator.

In 1998, he became one of only three Senators, in addition to our colleague, Senator ROBERT BYRD, ever to cast 15,000 votes in this Senate.

In addition, Senator THURMOND has served as a senator in the South Carolina State Legislature and as Governor of that great State. He has been a senior member of both the Democratic and

Republican parties and a Presidential candidate of a third party. There is not another American, living or dead, who can make that claim.

He has also served our country in uniform. Senator THURMOND entered the U.S. Army for the first time in 1924. Twenty years later, he volunteered for service in World War II, and on June 6, 1944, at the age of 43, he took part in the first wave of the D-Day invasion, the airdrop of American troops on Normandy Beach.

I am told that Senator THURMOND wanted to parachute into Normandy Beach, but another officer who clearly did not know with whom he was dealing, decided Senator THURMOND was too old to jump out of an airplane. So Senator THURMOND piloted a glider instead, landing, with the rest of his company, behind enemy lines.

Senator THURMOND is today a retired major general in the Army Reserves, the President pro tempore Emeritus of the Senate, a member of the South Carolina Hall of Fame, and a recipient of more honors and awards than any of us can name, including the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Simply said, we will never see another like him.

I join my colleagues this morning in our heartfelt expression of gratitude to Senator THURMOND for his decades of service. We wish him, his family, and staff our very best in his future, whatever life may hold beyond the 107th Congress.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, today the Senate takes time to celebrate the life and career of one of its most outstanding Members who, though always a loyal son of South Carolina, has become, indeed, a nation's treasure. It is not enough to say Senator STROM THURMOND has lived his life well. It has been an extraordinary life.

Again and again today, we will hear points made about various accomplishments in his life. Senator DASCHLE has already noted many of them, but there is so much that can be said about this particular Senator that words are almost inadequate.

As I was thinking about him over the weekend, I thought about his life and what he has done and what he has seen and the little acts he does on a human personal basis.

First, when one thinks about it, his is a life that has included being an educator, a judge, a soldier, yes, a general, Governor, a Presidential candidate—in fact, when I was 7 years old, Senator THURMOND was already running for President and carried my State as well as four others, I believe—and a U.S. Senator where he has served so admirably as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and President pro tempore.

I remember in my first couple of years in the Senate, Senator THURMOND